(upto 30.6.2002), as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, is 16315 and 4343 respectively.

Credibility of UTI

659. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Unit Scheme 1964 (US-64) will not pay any dividend for the year 2001-02;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the credibility of the UTI has been reduced as compared to other companies in the private sector for not paying dividend. lowering interest rates in MIPs etc.; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take over or privatize the UTI and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) and (b) UTI Board of Trustees in its meeting held on 21st June, 2002 decided not to declare a dividend for US-64 since the financial condition of the scheme does not permit income distributions for the year ending 30th June, 2002. Moreover, the scheme is NAV based *w.e.f.* 01.01.2002.

(c) Overall credibility of UTI has not been adversely affected because UTI has intimated that its NAV based schemes have performed well in a very competitive market and inflows into these schemes reflect continuing investors' support.

(d) Government announced a financial package for US-64 on 28.12.01. As a part of the financial package, UTI was asked to implement time-bound reforms based on the recommendations of the various expert Committees including Tarapore Committee. Further, Expert Committees

have recommended amendments to the UTI Act. In these regard, appropriate actions have been initiated by UTI and the Government.

Improper payments by Modi Corporation Limited

660. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that X-erox Corporation has recently disclosed that its Indian subsidiary had made improper payments to Government officials for the promotion of their sales;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have investigated the accounts of X-erox Modi Corporation Limited in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to take against the Government officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) and (b) M/s. X-erox Corporation of USA, in its annual report the year 2001, filed before Securities & Exchange Commission, Washington DC have stated that certain improper payments were made in connection with sales to Govt. customers by their subsidiary in India.

(c) and (d) An inspection under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956 has been ordered. The Company, Law Board has also approved an investigation under Section 237 of the Companies Act, 1956. Action has also been taken by Income Tax Department and the matter remains under investigation.

New VRS for Bank Employees

661. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering another proposal of Voluntary